

TIVERTON HARBOR & COASTAL WATERS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

343 HIGHLAND ROAD
TIVERTON, RI 02878

Meeting held September 4th, 2008
At the Judson Street Town building

Members present: Roger Winiarski, John McEwing, Harris Gruber and David Stewart,
Guests: Phil LaPointe Harbor Master & Charlie Smith

Meeting came to order at 19:30

The minutes from the August meeting were voted on and approved.

Correspondence:
None

Construction Report:

The THC is concerned that Mark Rego of Riverside Drive is currently doing major construction on his home, and to our knowledge he has never presented a construction plan to the Town Inspector, nor did Mr. Rego come before the THC for notification, discussion or approval. Mr. Rego's home is within 200' of the waterfront.

Appeals and Complaints:

John McEwing will write to both the US Coast Guard and the Marine Safety Officer in Bristol concerning the "clumps" of tires that were reported washed ashore between Borden's Wharf and Randolph Ave. It is believed that the tires came from the Borden Light Marina where they were used as a breakwater.

Old Business:

The DPW has removed the abandoned boat at the south end of the "Gut" along side Main Road.

Charlie Smith reported to the THC that he has inspected the abandoned boat just north of Standish Boatyard and it will require several volunteers to help Charlie and Ken Hilton from Standish to remove the boat so that the DPW will be able to pick it up and dispose of it.

All members of the THC were in agreement to help when a date and time have been confirmed.

Bob Dixon and Tom Parker still need to review the Harbor Plan so that it can be submitted for final approval. John will get the HMP to them so any necessary inclusions and corrections can be made.

The THC would like to formalize the duties of the Tiverton Harbor Master and have an actual job description drawn up. The THC would also like to advertise the Harbor Master position three months prior to the expiration of the contract.

New Business:

It has been brought to the attention of the THC that a green lobster boat moored in the Northeast corner of Nanaquacket Pond has some serious leaks and could be in jeopardy of sinking. Roger has noticed large quantities of water being pumped into the pond and in some cases the boat was riding very low in the bow. Phil LaPointe has been in touch with the owner and the THC has asked that a certified letter be sent to the owner stating that the boat must be removed from the pond prior to October 15, 2008. We are all concerned that sinking would cause pollution to this important area.

Harbor Master's Report:

Phil reported that the boat had logged approx. 30 hours for the month of August, no serious problems were reported

Meeting was adjourned at 20:39